



News and Tidbits

September 2013

Greetings!

President's Message



In the spirit of our wonderful organization...shalom, aloha, hola, greetings, ciao, ellohay, blessings, hello, Kóyo, xin chào!

It is hard to believe that it will be one year since you put your faith in me along with Diane Cockrell, Vice President; April Hill, Secretary; Julie Heinze, Treasurer and Amanda McCrory, Historian to serve as your officers. I know I speak on behalf of the officers, when I say that it has been a privilege to serve our membership. It has been challenging at times, but anything worth something will always present challenges. It is during the time of uneasiness and the unknown that we see we have become stronger, used the experience to think outside the box, sharpen our skills and most importantly...learn to ask and reach out for help.

We began the year with an officer retreat on October 6th. At this retreat we discussed NTMCA's direction and laid out steps for not only tomorrow but future years. At our meeting, we identified goals and developed performance measures to ensure we met our stated objectives. The goals we identified were as follows:

- * Provide quality training/education
- * Knowledgeable and networking membership
- * Promote profession

I am sure you will agree with me that Vice President Diane Cockrell has done a phenomenal job securing guest speakers to provide quality training/education for our members, which is evident in the 2012/2013 highlights included in the newsletter. In an effort to increase networking opportunities, our meeting time was changed to 11:00 a.m. to allow members the opportunity to network prior to the beginning of each meeting. We have noticed a few members take advantage of this opportunity. Our shared knowledge is such a valuable tool for every member. I encourage everyone to take advantage of your resources...call, text or e-mail your chapter members. I would also recommend submitting an article to the secretary to include in our monthly newsletter. Lastly, one of the most important things we can do as

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Upcoming Meetings

September 18, 2013 - City of Haltom City

September 18, 2013 Meeting
Haltom City, TX

You will not want to miss the

members is to market our chapter. We are fortunate to have members representing us at the state and national level. A few examples include incoming TMCA President is none other than our own Art Camacho; Kim Sutter is a TMCA Board of Trustee and Mary Kayser represents us as IIMC Region IV Director. Each member has a role in marketing our chapter. Recalling the wise words of Marti Miller...you are always being watched by someone of influence. I will make an early call on behalf of incoming President Diane Cockrell...give of yourself and let your talents shine by serving on a committee.

It is a pleasure to share the 2012/2013 highlights.

- Organized eight (8) business meetings with guest speakers focused on empowering clerks
 - Ron Hollifield, Founder and CEO of Strategic Government Resources - "Don't take everything so personal...it is not always about you"
 - Scott Murray, noted sportscaster, radio/TV host and community philanthropist - "The Pyramid of Power"
 - Marti Miller - "Motivational Mentoring"
 - Sarah Jacobson, Texas State Library & Archives Commission - "Update on retention schedules, new storage standards and electronic records standards"
 - Stephen Booher, Organizational Development Specialist - "Mastering your super powers of employee engagement"
 - Nora Coronado, Project Coordinator (City of Arlington) - "Texas 83rd legislative update"
 - Dr. Amy Holt, TMCA Education Director, - "All you have to do is ask?"
Dr. Holt's presentation shows clerks how to transform their thinking to be better prepared to ask questions and engage in a different way with colleagues.
- Successful holiday party - Alyce Deering Scholarship Silent Auction received \$315.00 and members donated money and supplies to selected non-profit organization Community Enrichment Center. The Community Enrichment Center (CEC) is a faith-based non-profit organization serving Tarrant County families in crisis by providing the resources, tools and encouragement these families need to improve their lives and become self-sufficient.
- Productive professional seminar - Lisa Carver, Moxie Consulting, Inc. - "Managing multiple priorities and competent leadership through confident conversations"
- TMCA President Norma Grimaldo visited chapter in July
- Awarded two (2) \$500.00 Alyce Deering scholarships
- Donated \$150 each to Joyce Snay, Dorothy Byrd, and Alyce Deering Scholarship funds.
- Reviewed and presented revisions to NTMCA Bylaws (membership to approve in September)
- Non-member fees to be implemented in 2013-2014
- Organized and conducted a member survey
- NTMCA lapel pins - the lapel pins will be presented to members upon renewal of membership dues

September Empowerment Series program as our own Dr. Amy C. Holt, Ph.D., Education Director, Texas Municipal Clerks Association will stimulate our leadership abilities with:

"All You Have to Do is Ask?"

One lucky attendee will be the recipient of having their FY 2013-2014 NTMCA dues paid in full. Art Camacho, Haltom City, is donating a paid NTMCA membership. Winner must be present to win.

NTMCA FY2013-2014 Slate of Officers

President

Diane Cockrell, Decatur

Vice President

April S. Hill, Roanoke

Treasurer

Mary Supino, Arlington

Secretary

Shannon DePrater, Cross Roads

Historian

Angela Winkle, Crowley

Holiday Committee Update

Think Christmas in September!

The Holiday Committee has secured a date and location for the 2013 Holiday Lunch! Please mark your calendars for December 4 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and plan for a wonderful lunch in the scenic Fort Worth Botanic Gardens at the Gardens Restaurant, 3220 Rock Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107. Watch for your special invitation later in the year.

The committee has determined that this year's charitable contributions donated by the membership will go to designated charities in the cities of Cleburne and Granbury to assist in the recovery efforts from the tornadoes that occurred this past spring. As the date gets closer, we will provide a list of most needed items.

- Recognition of committee members - NTMCA Keep Calm and Clerk On t-shirts were presented to members for their service to the chapter.

We are really pleased with our chapter lapel pin. I hope you too, will be pleased and wear your lapel pin to market our wonderful chapter. We still have a few Keep Calm and Clerk On t-shirts that are available for \$10.00. All proceeds from the shirts will go to the Alyce Deering Scholarship fund. Call Traci Riggs at 817.748.8015 to get your t-shirt today. In closing, I would be remiss if I did not share what a wonderful experience I have had serving our chapter and working with so many of our members. Our laughter, stories, keeping each other lifted during hard times is more than worth it. I encourage each of you to become more active in our chapter. It not only helps our chapter, but most importantly the friendships you develop are absolutely PRICELESS! A friend loves at all times.

Blessings,

Alicia Richardson

2013 Bylaws Amendment Recommendations Notice to Membership

As stated in the NTMCA Bylaws, Article XI, Section 3. Biennial Review. The Bylaws Review Committee shall review the bylaws and make a recommendation on amendments to the membership at least once every two years.

As stated in the NTMCA Bylaws, Article XI, Section 2. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting at which a quorum is present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided notice of such proposed amendment(s) shall have been sent to each member at least ten days prior to such meeting.

The 2013 Bylaws Review Committee has been hard at work updating the Officer and Committee Descriptions as part of the general biennial review. After review by the Board, the committee is now ready to present their recommendations to the NTMCA membership for consideration.

A link to the committee's recommendations is being provided here, [bylaws revisions](#), and hard copies were made available at the August 21st business meeting/luncheon in Haslet. This action will serve as the required notice of a vote to be taken regarding amendments to the NTMCA Bylaws at the September 18th business meeting/luncheon in Haltom City.

Please direct any questions or comments to Bylaws Review Committee Chair Diane A. Callahan via phone at 972-899-5132 or email at dcallahan@highlandvillage.org.

Also, the committee is looking for donations from YOU! We would love to have a door prize item donated from our members.

We request that the items be valued at a minimum of \$25. It's not too early to start donating! If you have an item to donate, just let any committee member know.

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Upcoming Newsletters

If there is a topic of interest or subject that you would like to see addressed in an upcoming newsletter, please let any of the Board know. If you would like to contribute an article for consideration, please submit it by e-mail to [April Hill](#).



We are an awesome chapter...let's lead and be a model for our sister chapters.